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e.) Remarks:

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

The specification and abstract have been amended extensively to overcome the examiner's objections and to conform more closely to conventional U.S. practice. Care has been taken to avoid the introduction of new matter.

Drawings corresponding to Figures 1-3, but avoiding the use of solid black shading, will be submitted following the approval of proposed Figures 4-6 which illustrate the subject matter of the invention applied to the body of a user. If Figures 4-6 are approved, applicant will submit drawings corresponding to such figures, but not including solid black shading. If the examiner prefers, Figures 1-3 may be canceled in favor of Figures 4-6, renumbered as Figs 1-3.

Approval of the proposed amendments to Figures 1-3 as explained above and the additional Figures 4-6 is requested.

The originally presented claims have been cancelled in favor of claims 18-36 which have been drafted in such manner as to overcome the rejection based on 35 U.S.C. 112 and to distinguish applicant's invention more clearly over the prior art of record, including Davidson patent No. 1,618,273.

One of the characteristics of applicant's invention which distinguishes it over all of the references of record, including Davidson, is a connection between the leading arm of a trainee and the diagonally remote or trailing thigh which enables the leading arm of the trainee and the hips of the trainee to partake of coordinated rotation during the back swing and down swing of a golf stroke. This objective is achieved by the provision of a chest belt which encircles the chest and back of the trainee at a level above the waist and supports an arm strap through which the upper portion of the trainee's leading arm extends. A loop encircles the diagonally remote thigh of the trainee and such loop is coupled to the chest strap, so that, when the

trainee commences a golf stroke by initiating a back swing of the arms and rotation of the shoulders, the trainee's hips automatically will be rotated in the direction of rotation of the shoulders during the back swing. Such rotation of the hips is ensured by the provision of straps extending from the thigh encircling loop diagonally across the body of the trainee to the chest belt. As the back swing is completed and the down swing is commenced the arms and shoulders of the trainee rotate in a direction opposite to that in which they rotated during the back swing, and the hips automatically are rotated in coordination with the shoulders and arms of the trainee because of the diagonal connection of the thigh loop to the chest belt. During these movements of the trainee's body the arm strap keeps the leading arm of the trainee close to the adjacent side of the trainee's upper torso, thereby preventing the so-called flying elbow.

The provision of a diagonal coupling between the leading arm and the trailing thigh of a trainee so that the trainee's arms, shoulders, and hips rotate in unison and in a coordinated manner during the back swing and down swing is a characteristic of applicant's invention which has no counterpart in any of the references of record. In support of this observation it is submitted that, although Davidson discloses a waist belt 1 and a chest belt 2, there is no connection between the chest belt and either of the exerciser's hips.

Probably the next most pertinent reference is the Clark patent which discloses a chest belt 10, an arm strap 20, and a forearm strap 42, but, again, there is nothing in Clark which is illustrative or suggestive of a thigh strap or any coupling between such nonexistent thigh strap and a chest strap.

Nothing in any of the other references, whether they are considered individually or in combination with one another, discloses or suggests the combination of a chest strap, arm strap, and thigh strap wherein the thigh strap is connected diagonally to the chest strap. All of the newly submitted claims include these structural characteristics of

applicant's invention and, accordingly, are submitted to distinguish applicant's invention patentably over the prior art.

Claim 18 is an independent claim and recites the chest belt, the arm strap, and the thigh strap and the connecting strap means diagonally securing the thigh strap to the chest belt. Claim 18, therefore, is respectfully submitted to be allowable.

Claim 19 depends on claim 18 and distinguishes over the latter by specifying that the chest belt, the thigh strap, and the connecting strap means are inelastic.

Claim 20 depends on claim 18 and distinguishes over the latter by specifying that the arm strap has elastic parts.

Claim 21 also depends on claim 18 and recites the shoulder strap. The provision of the shoulder strap is advantageous because it helps maintain the chest belt at the proper level.

Each of claims 22-24 depends on claim 18 and recites the means for adjusting the respective lengths of the connecting strap means, the thigh strap, and the chest belt.

Claim 25 depends on claim 18 and specifies that the thigh strap has first and second portions which overlie the trainee's back and front, respectively.

Claim 26 depends on claim 18 and specifies that the thigh strap has opposite ends secured to one another. It is this construction which forms the thigh-accommodating loop.

Claim 27 depends on claim 26 and recites the reinforcing strap which bridges the loop adjacent its opposite ends.

Claim 28 depends on claim 27 and requires the thigh strap to be inelastic and the reinforcing strap to be elastic.

Claim 29 is an independent claim and distinguishes over the prior art for the same reasons given in support of independent claim 18. Claim 29 distinguishes over claim 18 in a number of ways, including the recitation that the thigh strap is connected to the chest belt by multiple

sections which overlie the trainee's back and chest.

Claim 30 depends on claim 29 and recites the arm strap in more detail.

Claim 31 depends on claim 30 and recites the arm strap section as being elastic.

Claim 32 depends on claim 29 and recites the shoulder strap. The shoulder strap assists in maintaining the chest belt at the proper level.

Claim 33 depends on claim 32 and recites means for adjusting the length of the shoulder strap.

Claim 34 depends on claim 29 and specifies that the chest belt, the arm strap, the thigh strap, and the connecting strap are inelastic.

Claim 35 depends on claim 29 and recites means for adjusting the chest belt and the various straps.

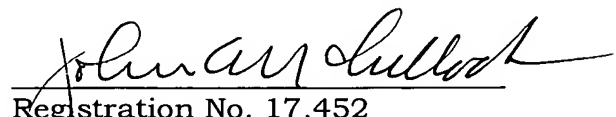
Claim 36 is another independent claim and distinguishes over the prior art for the same reasons given in support of claims 18 and 29, but recites applicant's apparatus in more detail.

It is believed that, upon amendment of the drawings in the manner proposed, this application will be in condition for allowance. Further and favorable action is requested.

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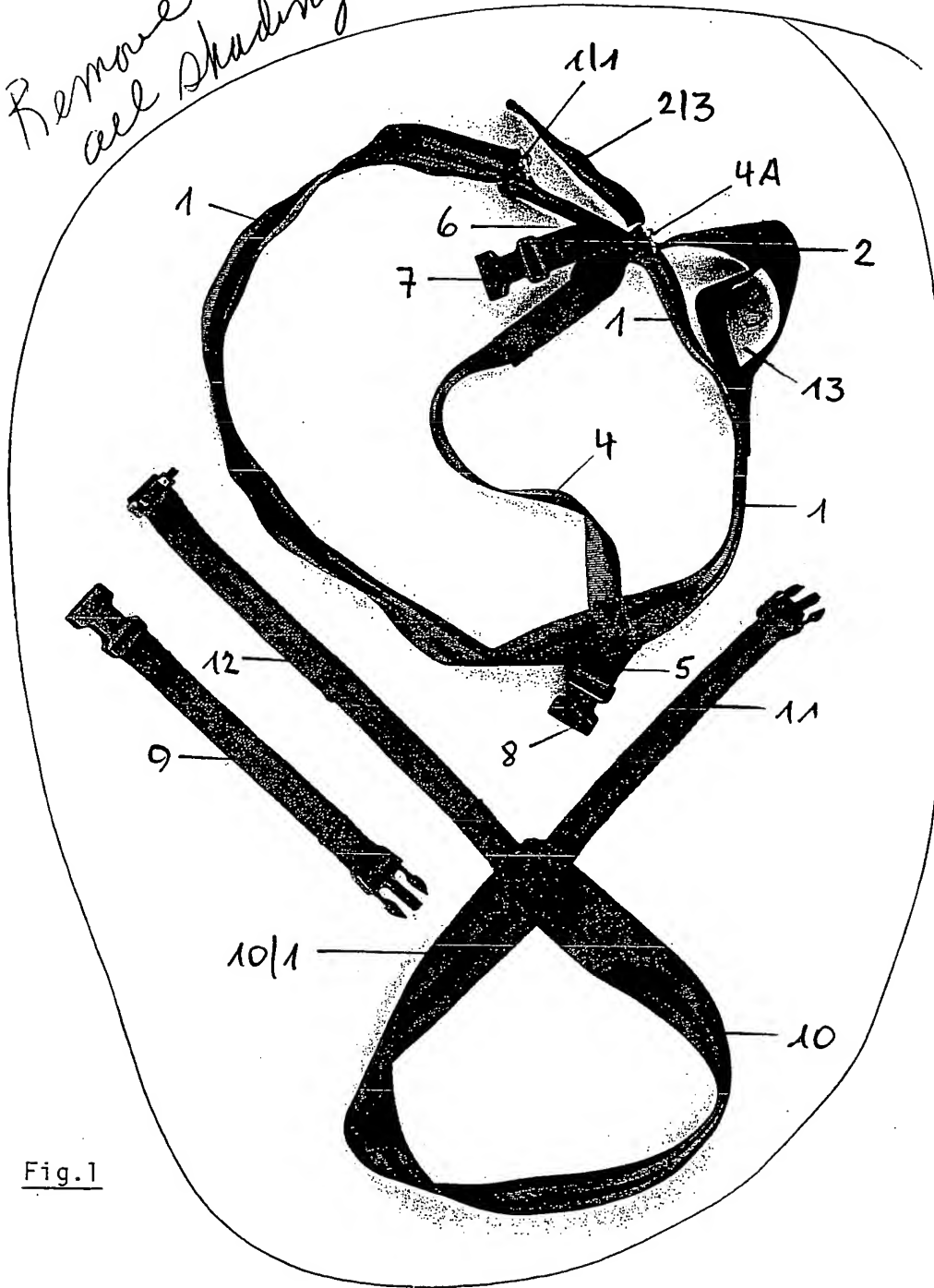
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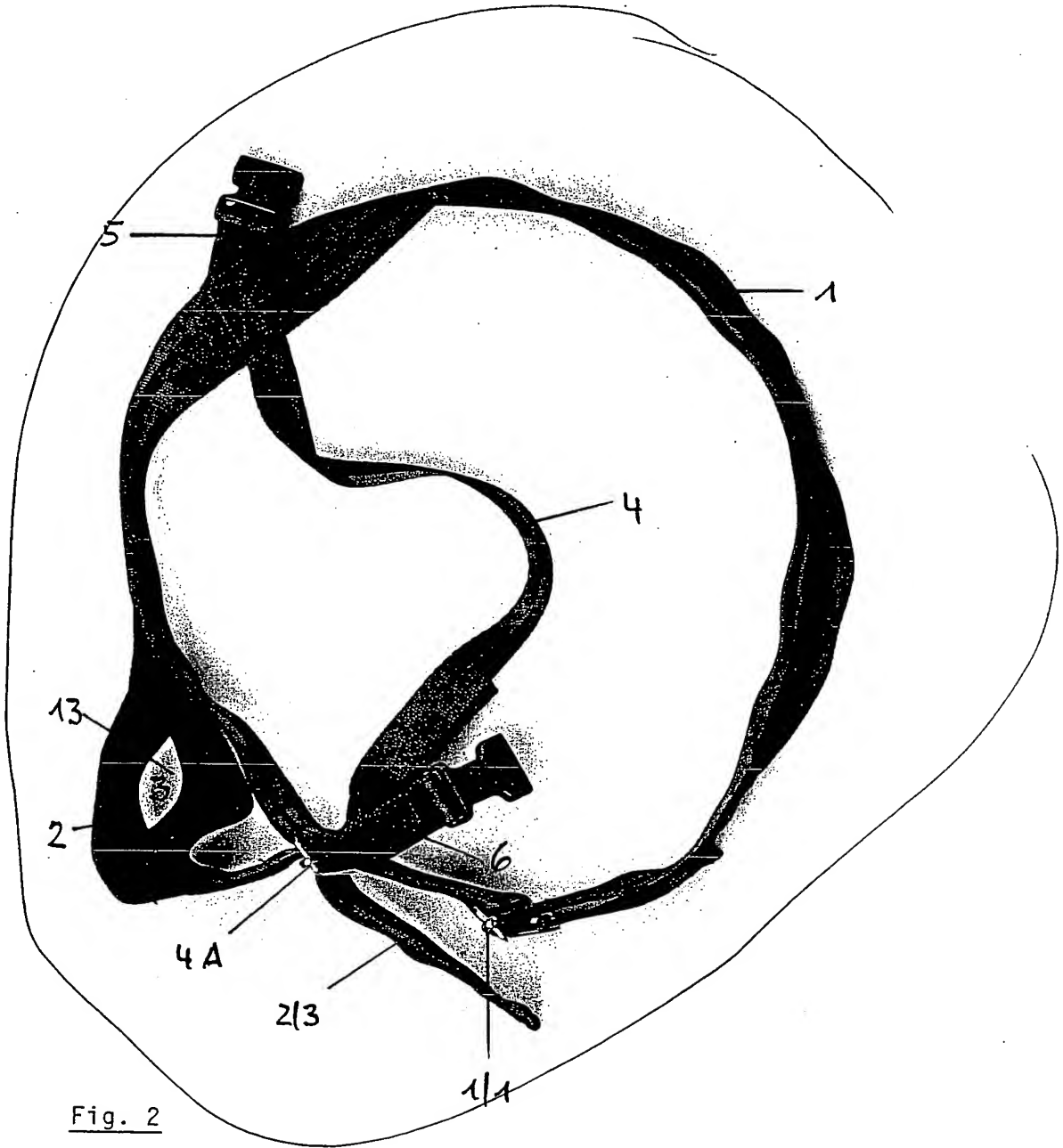
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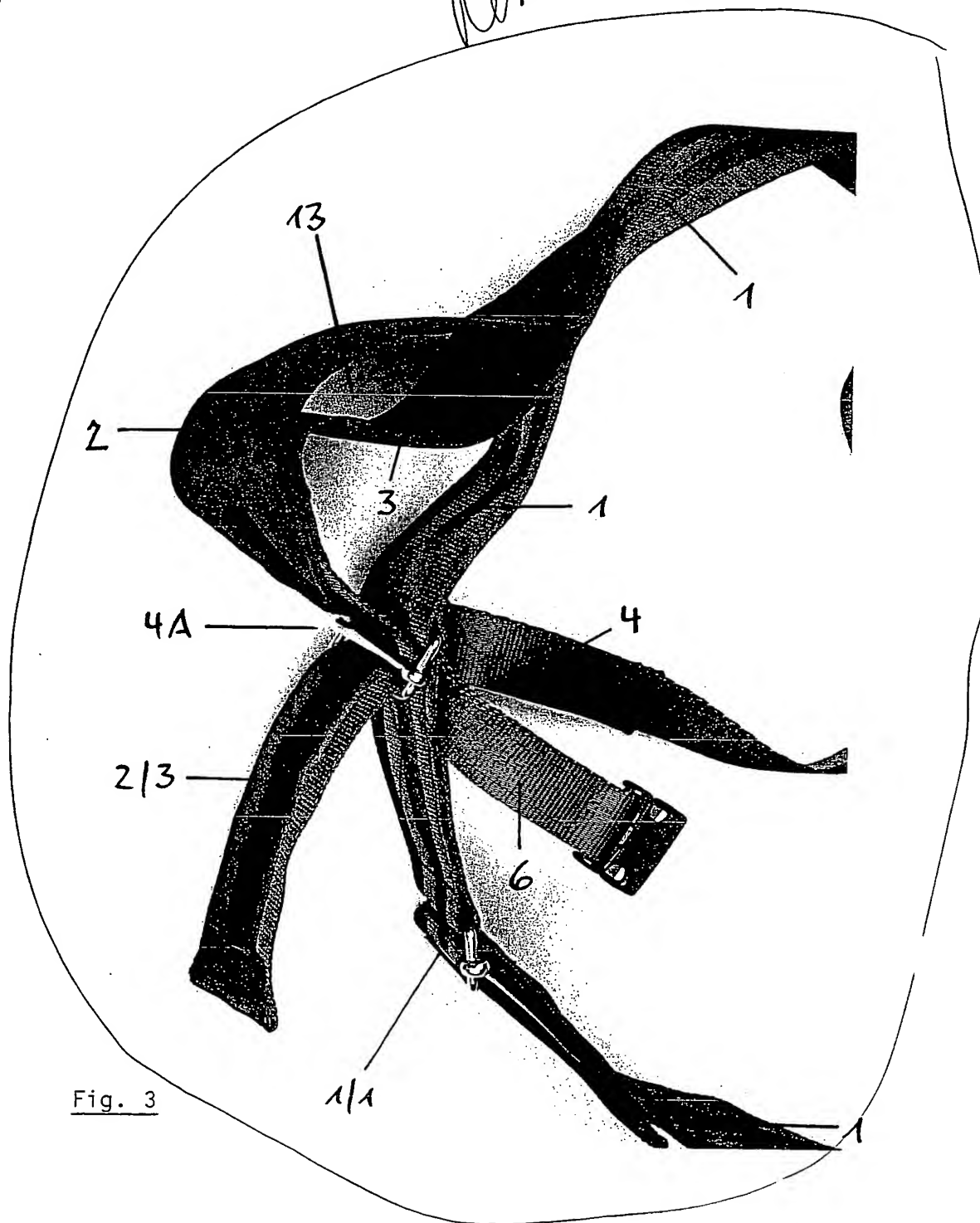


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FIG. 4



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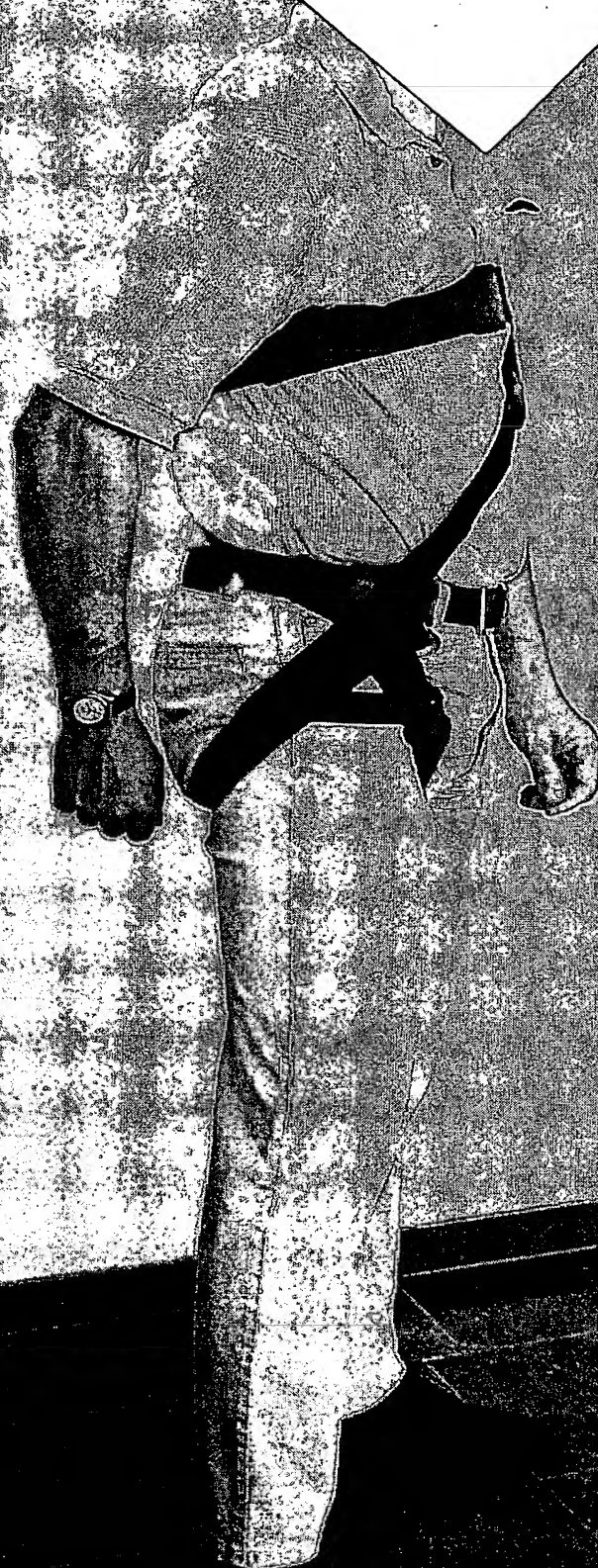
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Fig. 6



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